

State labor-related legislation enacted in 2013

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Every year, the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) compiles information for and publishes a report on state labor legislation enacted throughout the year. Legislative changes can cover a wide variety of topics such as child labor, prevailing wage, right to work, and workplace violence.

According to WHD, 42 states and the District of Columbia passed labor-related legislation in 2013. In all, 300 bills were enacted during the year in 30 of the 34 different legislative categories tracked by WHD. Worker privacy was the category with the largest number of enacted bills—52 bills in 29 states—followed by human trafficking, which had 34 bills enacted in 25 states. Next came wages paid (29 bills enacted), prevailing wage (20), and EEO (equal employment opportunity) legislation (19).

The [state labor legislation](#) report includes a list of the 34 categories as well as a table list of the various bill numbers by state.